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VERDUN BATTLE IN FEROCITY AND LOSSES ONE OF WAR'S GREAT FIGHTS

REPEAL OF FREE SUGAR CERTAIN, SAYS DELEGATE

Prince Kalaniana'ole Thinks Few Democrats Will Fight Measure, But Is Certain It Will Do Them No Good at All

NO MONEY IN SIGHT FOR KALIHU HARBOR PLANS

Old Project Voted \$106,000, Which Kuhio Thinks May Be Transferred; Park Bill is on Calendar in House

HE ASSURES HAWAII FREE SUGAR CLAUSE WILL BE REPEALED



Delegate J. Kuhio Kalaniana'ole. A recent photo taken on the Capitol steps in winter.

"Repeal of the free sugar clause is certain. There is no question about it. A few Democrats will fight the measure, but it won't do them any good," said Prince J. K. Kalaniana'ole, Hawaii's delegate to Congress, this morning on the Matsonia, returning from Washington.

The prince says he has returned to Honolulu in the interests of his suit to set aside the deed which creates the Queen Liliuokalani trust. "I will return to Washington as soon as the case is over," he stated.

Concerning Hawaiian legislation now before Congress, the delegate says all bills affecting Hawaii are now making some progress and that the Dole pension bill has been reported out.

"I received the Chamber of Commerce's cable asking me to introduce a bill to secure a naval academy for Hawaii, on the day I was leaving," he said, "but I instructed my secretary to draw up such a bill and introduce it. I think it has already been introduced."

Nothing for Kalihui Plan.

Regarding the harbor improvement project Delegate Kuhio said he had not been able to secure an appropriation for the Kalihui project, but had obtained \$106,000 for the old plan, and hopes to have it amended so that it can go into the new project.

"The Kilauea National Park bill is now before the house, on the calendar, taking its turn with the various committees. We are going to work to get the park established first, and later try for an appropriation for its improvement," he stated.

Prince Kuhio said the weather this winter in Washington had been good, but that there had been plenty of "pneumonia weather" and two or three real cold snaps. He reported an excellent trip.

In honor of the delegate's return, and of former Governor David I. Walsh of Massachusetts, who was also a passenger on the Matsonia, the Hawaiian band played the Star-Spangled banner as they walked down the gang-plank.

EXTRA SESSION IF CITY'S NEEDS ARE IMPERATIVE

Governor Issues Statement; Judges May Find Supervisors in Contempt

Governor Pinkham states if the action or action of the Congress of the United States on certain matters renders an extra session of the legislature of the territory necessary, he will undoubtedly call one.

That if local exigencies imperatively require an extra session, he may, when all the items are placed before him, call one.

Every department, territorial and counties, have had specific limitations which carry legal consequences.

If these have been disregarded and consequences ignored, no law that can be enacted will be obeyed, hence the situation could be easily repeated.

The governor will not reach hasty conclusions and will as heretofore take non-partisan advice.

The foregoing statement was given to the Star-Bulletin from Governor Pinkham's office today, after the governor had been asked as to his attitude toward the wish of the supervisors that an extra session of the legislature be called to enable the board to solve its financial difficulties.

Liable for Contempt.

Will the supervisors and Mayor Lane be liable for contempt in case any action is taken definitely refusing to appropriate funds for the necessary expenses of the local circuit court?

This question, asked about town to

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FOR SALE

COL. D. L. HOWELL IS ORDERED TO FORT SHAFTER

Commander of 1st Infantry at Schofield Made 2nd Infantry Post Commander

ORDER BRINGING COL. ROBERTS HERE REVOKED

Will Stay on Mainland, and Not Succeed Col. Chaffield When He Retires for Age

Revoking a recent order, and causing great surprise to army men here, an order was received at Fort Shafter this morning, transferring Col. Daniel L. Howell, 1st Infantry, Schofield Barracks, to command of Fort Shafter and the 2nd Infantry.

Col. Howell's promotion takes effect March 12. Some time ago orders received here transferred Col. Harris L. Roberts to command of the post and the 2nd Infantry, but today's order revokes a former one, and Col. Roberts is now to be attached to the 2nd Infantry. He has been on the border, and was to have come to Honolulu on the April transport. The new order is a big surprise to army men at both posts.

Col. Walter H. Chaffield is to be retired soon, because of age, and Col. Howell will take his place as commanding officer of Fort Shafter. Col. Howell will be in command only eight months before his tour of duty in the Hawaiian Department expires and he returns to the mainland.

Orders naming the new commanding officer of the 1st Infantry, after Col. Howell leaves the regiment to take command of Fort Shafter, have not yet been received here.

MACFARLANE OR G. W. SMITH MAY HEAD CHAMBER

Nominations for Officers Completed Today; Election on March 15

Nominations for officers of the Chamber of Commerce, to be voted on at the annual election on March 15, were completed by the nominating committee this morning.

F. W. Macfarlane and George W. Smith are slated as the nominees for president, to succeed Fred L. Waldron. The vice-presidential nominees are J. P. C. Hagans and J. T. Warren.

Candidates for the other offices are:

Second vice-president—Norman E. Gedge, S. S. Paxson.

Treasurer—J. L. Cockburn, R. H. Trent.

Directors (17 to be elected)—George H. Angus, J. A. Balch, J. J. Belsor, E. A. Berard, O. A. Bierbach, F. E. Blake, E. E. Bodge, A. J. Campbell, A. L. Castle, J. P. Cooke, R. A. Cooke, J. R. Galt, Norman E. Gedge, A. J. Gignoux, Albert Horner, Richard Ivers, M. M. Johnson, A. Lewis, Jr., F. J. Lowrey, F. W. Macfarlane, S. S. Paxson, T. H. Petrie, George Bodiek, J. E. Sheedy, J. F. Soper, E. I. Spalding, A. F. Walsh, J. T. Warren, F. T. P. Waters, G. P. Wilder, J. N. S. Williams, J. M. Young, Norman Watkins, E. O. White.

MINERS TRAPPED; MAJORITY SAVED

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
CUMBERLAND, Md., Feb. 29.—Seventy-one miners were trapped to-day as the result of a mine explosion. Fifty-two were saved and six are known to be dead. Rescuers are working to save the remainder.

HOUSE BILL FOR NAVAL ACADEMY HERE IS NOW STARTING ON JOURNEY

The bill for the establishment of a naval academy in Hawaii, proposed in the Chamber of Commerce and backed by that organization, has been introduced in the lower house of Congress, according to cable information received by the Chamber of Commerce from George McK. McClellan, recently employed by the chamber to look after

ROOSEVELT NOW GAINING IN EAST; WILSON LEADING

David I. Walsh, Former Massachusetts Governor, Thinks Country Likes Policy

SEES NO PROSPECT OF PROSPERITY DECLINE

Believes Europe's Orders for Implements of Peace Will Equal Munitions Trade

Between intervals of chucking dimes to the diving boys alongside the Matsonia, and remarking at the beauty of Honolulu's hills and palisades, David I. Walsh, former governor of Massachusetts, this morning said Roosevelt has been gaining much strength in the East in the last three months, but that the great mass of the people are still loyal to President Wilson as the next presidential possibility.

"Hughes is very much talked of in the East, but there is uncertainty as to whether he will or will not be a candidate," said Mr. Walsh. "Roosevelt is strong among the Progressive element of the Republicans, and also in the pillar-to-post element who have not agreed on any leader."

The former governor says Roosevelt's gaining popularity is largely due to his outspoken opposition to the administration's foreign policies. "He has gotten together a following of the dissatisfied element who want to unite on a common opponent," he stated.

Patience is Popular.

"In spite of this, however, it seems to me there is a strong underlying sentiment in favor of President Wilson's policy of patience and great caution. His success so far in keeping us out of war has gained him a much larger popularity than is generally appreciated, especially in the states where women vote. The California press seems to think the women vote much inclined toward the president."

That preparedness will not become a party slogan was the opinion of the Massachusetts statesman, who said the question is one of patriotism rather than party, and that all the warring elements are united to work together along this line.

Speaking of business conditions in the eastern states, Mr. Walsh said: "Business was never so great as in the eastern part of the United States at present. Labor is in demand, wages are increased and so much money has never been made before. Our prosperity is marvelous."

No Let-Up to Good Times.

The Massachusetts man was not inclined to believe that the cessation of the European war will mean a panic or setback of manufacturing in this country. "We feel that the period of reconstruction which will ensue when the European conflict comes to an end will necessitate the purchase from the United States of just as many materials of peace as the amount of war supplies we are now selling the warring countries. Europe will seek unlimited quantities of machinery and supplies with which to rebuild herself."

Mr. Walsh says he is going on from Honolulu to the Philippines, China and Japan to observe particularly in the Philippines whether the Filipinos are ready for the independence promised them by the Jones bill. He will study economic and political conditions in the Orient.

The former governor was met off quarantine by C. H. and D. H. Merriam, who knew him in Fitchburg when he was practicing law in the Massachusetts city. D. H. Merriam is visiting his brother here. Judge A. A. Wilder was also off port to meet Mr. Walsh.

Mr. Walsh was 39 years old when elected governor. He is the second youngest man to have been honored with the governorship. Governor Russell having been 37 when elected.

MORE THAN 1000 WOMEN OF HAWAII NOW BELONG TO NAVY LEAGUE OF U. S.

More than 1000 members are now on the rolls of the Hawaii Chapter, Woman's Section, Navy League of the United States. Announcement to that effect was made this morning by Mrs. J. Morton Riggs, chairman of the membership committee of the Hawaii chapter. Yesterday Mrs. Riggs found that she lacked 40 names of the 1000 she was determined to get by March 1. A statement in the press that 40 more women were wanted as members got results in a short time, and there will be several more than the necessary 1000 by tonight, it is expected.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Following are the closing prices of stocks on the New York market today, sent by the Associated Press over the Federal Wireless:

| | Today. | Yesterday. |
|---------------------------|---------|------------|
| Alaska Gold | 21 | 21 1/2 |
| American Smelter | 97 1/2 | 97 1/2 |
| American Sugar Rfg. | 111 1/2 | 111 1/2 |
| American Tel. & Tel. | 127 3/4 | 127 3/4 |
| Anaconda Copper | 85 1/2 | 85 1/2 |
| Atchafalaya | 102 1/2 | 102 1/2 |
| Baldwin Loco. | 102 | 102 1/2 |
| Baltimore & Ohio | 85 1/2 | 85 1/2 |
| Bethlehem Steel | 460 | 461 |
| Calif. Petroleum | 28 1/4 | 27 3/4 |
| Canadian Pacific | 167 | 166 3/4 |
| C. M. & St. P. (St. Paul) | 93 3/4 | 93 1/2 |
| Colo. Fuel & Iron | 41 | 40 1/2 |
| Crucible Steel | 73 1/4 | 72 3/4 |
| Erie Common | 35 3/4 | 35 1/2 |
| General Electric | 167 1/4 | 166 1/2 |
| General Motors | 450 | 445 |
| Great Northern Pfd. | 120 1/2 | 120 |
| Inter. Harv., N. J. | 109 | 108 3/4 |
| Lehigh R. R. | 77 3/4 | 76 1/2 |
| New York Central | 103 1/2 | 103 |
| Pennsylvania | 56 1/2 | 56 3/4 |
| Ray Consol. | 52 1/2 | 52 1/4 |
| Southern Pacific | 97 1/2 | 98 1/2 |
| Studebaker | 136 | 138 |
| Tennessee Copper | 55 1/2 | 54 |
| Union Pacific | 133 1/4 | 133 3/4 |
| U. S. Steel | 82 1/2 | 82 |
| U. S. Steel Pfd. | 116 1/2 | 116 1/4 |
| Utah | 83 3/4 | 83 1/2 |
| Western Union | 87 3/4 | 87 1/2 |
| Westinghouse | 63 1/4 | 63 1/2 |

*Bid. *Ex-dividend.

ANOTHER MURDER IN RED MEXICO

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 29.—The murder of Grover C. Varn, an American, by Villista soldiers at 25 miles north of Durango, Mexico, has been officially reported to the state department. No details are given.

The department of justice reports today that Gen. Felix Diaz, who is hoping to start a new revolution, is said to have fled from Tamapa for Tlaxcala.

COAST STEAMER HITS; TOTAL LOSS

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
MARSHFIELD, Ore., Feb. 29.—The steamer Fife, from San Francisco for Bandon, struck the Coquille river jetty today and will be a total loss. All on board were saved, being conveyed ashore by prompt use of the breeches buoy.

GERMAN OFFICIAL CABLEGRAMS

The following cablegram from official German sources was received late yesterday:

"German Headquarters, Feb. 28.—On the west front artillery engagements are exceedingly violent in several places. On the front north of Arras there has been interrupted mine activity and the Germans have destroyed by blasting about 40 meters of the enemy's position. In Champagne the Germans after efficient artillery preparation began an attack on both sides of the road between the Somme and Souain and conquered Navarin farm and the French positions on both sides, about 1600 meters long, imprisoning 25 officers and 1009 men, taking nine machine guns and one mine-thrower.

"In the Verdun district new masses of reinforcements concentrated by the enemy exhausted themselves in fruitless attempts to attack the German position in and near the fortress of Douaumont and HaHrdamont. The Germans have cleared the Meuse peninsula now of the enemy. In the direction of Vacherauville the Germans have advanced their lines further, also toward Bras. In the Woivre plain the foot of Cotellerraine was reached from the east in several places.

TODAY'S SITUATION.

"German Headquarters, Feb. 29.—Increased artillery activity today continued in many places. East of the Meuse the Germans stormed a small armored fortification at Clost, northwest of the village of Douaumont. "Renewed attacks of the enemy in this district are already frustrated.

"In the Woivre plain the Germans passed Dieppe, Aucourt and Blanzee northeast of Warrn and Onville and stormed Manheulles and Champon. "Up to last night there were counted 228 officers and 16,575 men wounded prisoners; 78 cannons taken, among which were heavy guns of the most modern type, 26 machine guns

BOTH SIDES TODAY CLAIMING SUCCESS; PARIS SAYS POINT OF ATTACK NOW BEING MOVED

FRENCH MILITARY OBSERVERS BELIEVE GERMANS NO LONGER HOPE TO BREAK LINES—THINK TEUTON ARMY NUMBERED 750,000 — BERLIN DECLARES WOEVRE PLAIN BEING CLEARED OF FRENCH AND GERMANS WINNING MANY VANTAGE POINTS—SUBMARINE WARFARE AGAIN IN DIPLOMATIC CONSIDERATION

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.]

PARIS, France, Feb. 29.—In ferocity of fighting and in losses on both sides, the battle of Verdun, now in its sixth day, is taking rank as one of the greatest battles of the entire war and if the reports of losses prove correct, will become one of the bloodiest engagements in all history.

The military critics here anxiously studying the reports from the front and estimating the number of those engaged, have come to the conclusion that Germany had massed an army exceeding 750,000 men in the vicinity of Verdun to cut through the French lines if possible and win the strategic fortress that guards the road to Paris.

The opinion of the press today is that the "situation is decidedly better." The fact that the battle seems to be shifting, and that no longer are the frontal attacks in mass so powerful, leads the critics to think that the German staff now does not hope to break through the French lines.

That the German strokes are diminishing in their smashing power is the consensus of opinion based on the despatches from the front. Renewals of the severe offensive are expected, but at different points from those where the principal attacks have been made.

Says Germans Fell in Great Masses

PARIS, France, Feb. 29.—Graphic descriptions of the Verdun fighting are given by soldiers sent home wounded from the front. One of them declares:

"The Germans advanced in serried masses. Our shrapnel shells fell among them and cleared great gaps in their ranks. The artillery tore and cut them like scythes would do. Limbs of men and trees, and bodies, were hurled into the air and fragments of flesh fell among us.

"The machine guns mowed down the Germans, who were massed so that their dead at times could not fall.

"Severe air pressure, the result of continuous firing, sent the blood rushing to our ears and the lungs almost ceased working under the strain."

News from the front is that the bombardment north of Verdun continues with great intensity. The Germans were repulsed in bloody hand-to-hand fighting near the village of Douaumont. The Germans have taken the village of Manheulles, which is now under fire, and the attack is working northward.

Woivre Plain Being Won, Says Berlin

BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 29.—Official announcements declare that the German campaign along the Woivre plain, part of the Verdun battle, is progressing. The Germans have passed the villages of Dieppe, Albaucourt, and Blanzee, and captured Manheulles and Champon.

The total unwounded soldiers captured in recent operations number 16,575. Also 78 cannon and 86 machine guns have been taken.

German Submarines Ready to Strike

BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 29.—Statesmen assert today that Germany's new ruling in submarine warfare will positively go into effect as announced, at midnight tonight. Under this ruling Germany will treat every armed merchantman as a warship and attack without warning. Austria has made a similar announcement.

Wilson And Cabinet Discuss Move

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 29.—Germany's latest submarine communication was discussed today by the president and his cabinet but no decision as to policy or action was arrived at. Further data is awaited, the information at hand being deemed incomplete.

Italian Liners Allowed to Clear

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 29.—The Italian liners Giuseppe Verdi and San Guglielmo, which are carrying guns, were allowed to clear from New York today on assurances from the Italian government that the armament was for defensive purposes only.

French Auxiliary Sunk; Most Saved

PARIS, France, Feb. 29.—The French auxiliary cruiser Provence was sunk on Saturday in the Mediterranean sea, it was announced today. At Malta 296 survivors have been landed. The total survivors are estimated at 870.

Turks Fall Back From Trebizond

LONDON, England, Feb. 29.—A Central News despatch from Petrograd says that the Turks are hastily evacuating Trebizond and other Mesopotamian and Armenian towns.

British Casualties Are Lessening